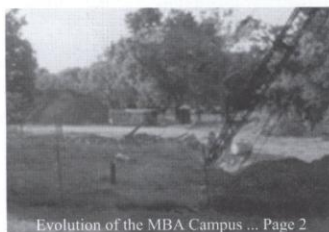
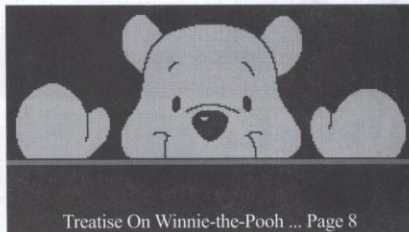


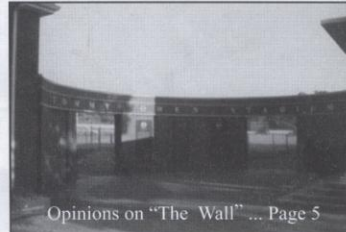
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MBA Still Going Strong After a Century of Competition

By Stephen Was

As most everyone knows by now, this year is very special on the campus of Montgomery Bell Academy. The Big Red is celebrating 100 years of football this season. Festivities to celebrate this centennial anniversary included a reunion luncheon for all former MBA football players as well as a dedication prior to the MUS game of a new brick entranceway to Tommy Owen Stadium. The wall includes tributes to two former MBA football coaches, Howard Allen and Tommy Owen, and a brief history of the Big Red football over the years. Also, to celebrate this special year, commemorative patches are worn on the jerseys of the players on the 1998 Big Red



plays football at M.B.A." says a yearbook from 1943. With three teams, the book brags, "it is possible for any boy to play with boys of his own age and size. Each team has its separate coach and schedule and competes only in its respective class... the football area was lighted with modern

equipment for night games. These new features resulted in greatly increased comfort and pleasure on the part of those interested in the team." It's easy to see just how far this vital part

of MBA has come. Even the colors, maroon and white, have been replaced with cardinal and silver. We were not "Big Red," but the "Maroons." Over the years, the MBA

football program has endured many changes. MBA has seen many different coaches, including the

legendary Tommy Owen, who led the Big Red to two hundred and fifty victories during his

tenure. The team's roster has grown from fourteen or fifteen players in 1899 to seventy players some ninety-nine years later. More recently,

the Big Red football team has dealt with a division change. Nonetheless, there has been one constant in the one hundred years of football: the quest for a state championship. MBA has not won a state championship since 1968, and this year's team is hungry to regain the title of state champs

after finishing second in the state last year.

During the preseason of 1944, no one expected MBA to be a contender in the title race. But MBA coach Howard Allen's fantastic coaching, along with the determination, guts, and plain virility of our players proved triumphant, and we finished the season with a 7 win, 1 loss record, giving MBA the place it deserved. We ranked third in the state for 1944, but they could well have

been in first place, had it not been for a final game loss against the East Eagles. One student, Al Whitson, became Nashville's most valuable player for that year.

In 1957, coach Tommy Owen lead 39 MBA players to

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MBA Football Coaches

football team.

Football has been a strong part of MBA ever since its establishment. "Every boy



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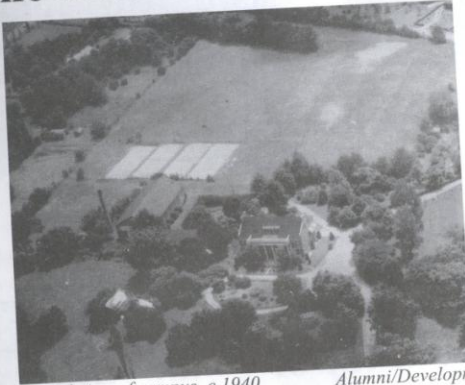
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The Evolution of MBA's Campus, Nearly Complete



Aerial view of campus, c.1940

By Samir Idnani

They're building.

On the first day of school this year, I expected the same solid, stable, brick and grass campus I was used to. I did not expect the new dirt and rock layout, which seemed to grow out of the freshly mowed hill.

Over the summer, the construction crews took over the campus. Hordes of men and machinery quickly set camp. School was opened to the sounds of bulldozers, dump trucks, drilling, and dynamite. More than anyone could have expected was accomplished over the summer. The new science building (no one named) and the addition to the Massey building are slated to be fully operational before the start of the 1999-2000 school year. Mr. Gioia assures me that the construction is running on schedule, absent any significant weather problems. The 35,000 square foot science building promises to keep MBA on the cutting edge of the science and technology world, along with hooking up the whole campus to the Internet, from Carter to Davis and even to the debate building. The science building will contain 10 new classrooms on three floors, a large assembly area that can hold between 150 and 200 people, and an outdoor amphitheater for

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holding classes on those temperate fall and spring days.

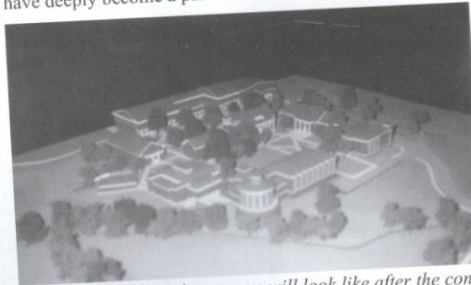
The newly constructed entrance to the football stadium adds some football history to the structures on the campus. It has been under construction for a couple of months and was finally

barren, save for a few thick lines of cement running across the top.

After the science and Massey buildings are constructed, the school plans to tear down the Carter building and erect a new one. Faculty who have taught in Carter for nearly all of their MBA careers will surely mourn the loss of the historic learning center they have deeply become a part of over

the years. But few would argue that the building is too ancient for MBA's modern environment, especially relative to the other buildings. The main level will be a lounge and the top and underground levels floor will contain classrooms.

The new entrance from Cherokee has no specified completion date. Its construction



Model of what the campus will look like after the construction on the front lawn is completed



More recent aerial view of the campus (c. 1996), at a time before the bulldozers and cranes took over

finished on the same day as our centennial-anniversary football game. As one walks up from the sophomore parking lot, one can see directly down the walkway in front of the Davis building. The brick entrance is not quite attached to the Wallace and Davis buildings, however, it seems as though it should. When viewed from the Quad, one can see three large, black plaques, commemorating football coaches Howard Allen and Tommy Owen and 100 years of football at MBA. The other side of the entrance is

will be completed after the science and Massey buildings are finished.

When everything is done, we should be able to appreciate why the current state of the campus is what it is. We must not forget what the campus looked like only forty years ago.

In the not too distant future, we will have more than three times as many buildings than in 1940 and better all-around facilities. As for now, let's all just cross our fingers, and anticipate the great things to come.



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Service Club to Start Year with Many Opportunities to Give to the Community

The MBA Service Club officers have planned a year full of opportunities to give back to the community. To be a member of the Service Club, participants must have eight hours of service for the first three quarters of school. Upcoming events include working at the Music City Triathlon on September 13th, visiting the Belcourt Nursing Home September 15th, valet parking at Fallfest September 19th, and working at the Our Kids Center September 19th. If you would like to participate in any of these events, just talk to any of the Service Club officers. Remember how fortunate you are as a member of the MBA community, and to give back to the people in Nashville who are not as lucky.

Large Turnout for First Soup Kitchen

The first Soup Kitchen of the year was very successful, as forty-four students accompanied Dr. Crowell and Mr. Herring to prepare chicken, green-beans, boiled potatoes, corn bread, and chocolate pudding for Nashville's not so fortunate. Unfortunately, no students council officers managed to make it to our inaugural soup kitchen. Not to worry, because the Service Club officers picked up the slack with a strong showing.

Students Travel the South Looking For Colleges--and They Found Some

Close to forty MBA Juniors and Seniors loaded up a bus to tour sixteen colleges and universities this past summer. Mr. Patrick and Dr. Griffith chaperoned the trip which included tours of Duke, University of Virginia, University of North Carolina, and Furman. The trip had many highlights, such as seeing the sets on the campus of UNC for a movie in which Robin Williams will star. Anyone who went on the trip will tell you that the fearless bus-driver "Joseph" was the hero of the trip.

Two Students Discover the World of Modern Physics

Daniel Estes and Matt Davis, two seniors here on the hill, applied to and were accepted into the Vanderbilt Summer Science Collaborative. Dr. Crowell and Vanderbilt professor Dr. Hamilton lead them, and many other selected students from schools around Nashville, into modern physics topics most high school classes never touch. The program included a trip to the Oak Ridge facilities, and 3 weeks of learning at Vanderbilt University.

A Hypothetical Situation...

For those dimwits who are incapable of acting like a normal human beings in a public bathroom here is some advice: 1. Even though a stall may be locked every time you enter the bathroom, it does not mean it is unoccupied the fourth time you enter 2. If curious, wondering if the stall is out of order, do not knock on the door 3. If there is no answer definitely do not grasp the top of the door and shake it incessantly chanting out "it must be locked from the inside!" 4. And be sure if someone yells out "hey! There's someone in here" to walk away and hide before they know who it is, because yes, you would have to have been born stupid to commit such a dense maneuver. All this idiocy could be avoided if the subject simply looks under the stall for feet. Thank you.

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MBA Cross Country Looks to Continue Its Success

By William Corbett

The MBA cross-country season began this year with weekly practices at Percy Warner Park. Running the horse trails, getting lost, and walking quite a bit, the team members finally began true practice on the second of August. With David Dean and William Lea leading the pack, both the mileage and speed increased.

Probably the most exciting day of preseason practice occurred when the entire team, while running the Boulevard, was stopped by the same Belle Meade cop for not running in single file.

The team has a new assistant coach, Jason Callen, better known to the team as "The General" and fresh out of Washington and Lee.

The whole team left for camp at Saint Mary's retreat, a convent in Sewanee, on August 17. Highlights of the trip included the daily trips to the mythical Golden Gallon, a gas station whose refrigerator doors "moo" Coach Pruitt's van with pieces of foam from the back seat, and a

three mile walk to a waterfall. They watched such movies as Keanu Reeves' action adventure *Point Break*, in which special

agent Johnny Utah (what a name) battles the infamous ex-presidents; *Nightmare on Elm Street III: Dream Warriors* where

the last of the disgruntled Elm street kids fight Freddy in his greatest battle yet; and *Stripes*...we all know why

that one's rated "R" . . . heh heh. But no one could

forget Deke Sharon's incessant rambling about his hero, Steve Austin.

The most memorable event, however, was the Gallon Challenge. David Dean, Peter

Chen, and David Branscome all attempted to drink an entire gallon of chocolate milk in one hour, and hold it down. None

succeeded in drinking the full gallon, and yes, they all puked.

With school starting and everyone showing up to practice, the defending state champion cross-country team is regaining its impressive form best displayed at last year's state meet. The team is lead by returning runners such as David Dean, William Lea, Hunter Verner,

Adrian Cameron, Paymon Rouhanifard, and Patrick Wall. Their biggest threats to a repeat this year being McCallie, Baylor, and Father Ryan, this year's team, currently ranked number two, is

confident they will repeat.

Unfortunately, the public schools have decided that the MBA team has beaten them too many times, so they have separated from the private schools. This year, the competition will consist of a much smaller crowd, but it looks to be just as challenging.

The team has also expressed a great desire to have more support at their meets. While a crowd as large as the ones who attend the football game may be slightly unattainable and unrealistic, they want and need more support at their meets than just the parents of runners.

The team opens with its first meet September 8 at the Drake Invitational (with the results coming in too late for this edition of the *Bell Ringer*), and there are many other important meets, which you will hear about in the daily announcements, to follow.

MBA Cross-Country Team. . . On a mission to repeat their '97 state championship. . .



MBA runners David Dean (front) and William Lea fly past the competition in one of the races at the Steeplechase last fall.

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Not-So-Slick Willy's Car of the Month

Driving the Mercedes-Benz SLK230 Kompressor.

It's difficult not to experience feelings of lust after looking at it. It's even harder to forget the driving experience. First, the basics. The Mercedes-Benz SLK230 Kompressor, as many undoubtedly know, is a 2 seat sports car with a unique retractable hardtop and a sticker price of around \$40,000. For the US market, it comes standard with a 2.3 liter, supercharged and intercooled, 16-valve four-cylinder engine, which puts out 185 hp and 200 lb-ft of torque, the torque peaking at only 2,000 rpm. This torque-monster of an engine is mated with either Mercedes' excellent electronically controlled, driver adaptable 5-speed automatic, or the new for 1999 5-speed stick shift.

At idle, the SLK230 Kompressor sounds unfortunately tractor like. Fortunately, the exhaust

"put-put-put" smooths into an exotic rip under hard acceleration, joined by the whine of the supercharger as it compresses the power into each cylinder. This "Kompressor", German for "supercharger" is the secret behind the SLK's rocket-like low end acceleration, a trait it shares with the C230 Kompressor, which has the same engine.

The five-speed automatic tranny is brilliant: it shifts smoothly and adapts to your driving style, which at first feels disconcerting, but after an extended drive feels intelligent. As good as the automatic is, however, I would take the manual transmission and the \$900 credit that comes with it. The manual features short throws, a precise shift-gate, and a smooth clutch that make shifting a pleasure. Although the handling could be a little sportier, there are no complaints

when it comes to the car's actual handling ability, and the ride is remarkably good to boot. The excellent dynamics of the suspension are further enhanced by the extremely rigid body, which exhibits not a hint of shake or quiver, even on rough roads with the top down.

Despite the excellence of the Mercedes' driving experience, many people will covet the SLK for its clever roof as well. One button on the center console with retract the vehicle's hardtop into its trunk. The advantages of this arrangement would be difficult to overstate. A hardtop is far superior to even a fully-lined soft top when it comes to noise suppression and general insulation. In addition, I found the buffeting and general noise level entirely acceptable with the roof down and the windows up at speeds of around 70 mph.

The Wall

By Adam Mazzoni

By now, everyone, in the school has seen and read the inscriptions on the wall at the entrance to the football field. The majority of the people, including myself, think very highly of MBA's latest project. The wall simply shows the heritage and tradition of MBA football: from Howard Allen to Ricky Rosses. It is very interesting to see how MBA football has changed and how we have evolved over the past 100 years. Some people feel that "The Wall" is just for the benefit of the football team. This is not true. What about all of the alumni and curious people who come to see a game? It is possible that someone might be interested in attending MBA or sending their son to MBA after reading the inscriptions on the wall and seeing just how rich in tradition the football team and the school are. One should be proud of our history and take pride in saying that they attend MBA. If everyone actually took the time to copy and read the wall, they would appreciate what was done before us, and be inspired to be a part of what is now the most prestigious institution in the South.

A Defense of the Centennial

Chronicle By Kenneth Prosser

As many have already noticed, the most recent addition to the MBA campus is the centennial wall. This structure, dedicated to 100 years of MBA football, serves as a bunker to the Tommy Owen battle field. Along with its obvious gateway purposes, this wall is covered with the history of Big Red football and two legendary coaches, Howard Allen and Tommy Owen. There have been mixed reviews across campus concerning the new addition. Many are proud of the wall and understand its significance. Others, however, have no appreciation for the wall and see it as a barrier to the view of the football field. It seems that those who don't like the wall either have not taken the time to read it or have no regard for MBA history. This wall is a symbol of tradition, and it represents much of what the school stands for. Mockery of this monument seems to be a little impatient.

New Football Entrance-Just a Waste of Bricks?

"What the heck's that?"

"I don't know. It looks like some type of wall."

"A wall?"

"A wall. One large wall."

In an effort to show off its proud 100 years of football, MBA has built a wall that connects the Wallace and Davis Buildings. It will serve as an entrance for football games.

If this article is the first time you have heard of this wall, you must have missed the first few weeks of school living in oblivion. So for those of you who have missed seeing this archway entrance, come out of your caves and how to the wall. It is a monument to be loved, caressed, and taken care of. Give homage to it daily, even go so far as to sacrifice seventh graders or freshmen to it for all I care.

"It looks like there's something on the wall."

"That? That's a dead cinder."

"No, those are stone panels. They're up there to describe the 100 years of football at MBA."

"I didn't even know football was that old."

"Yeah, they didn't even pads back then."

"Cool. I love old school."

So while all of Nashville gets to witness the progression of the construction on the front lawn, we privileged students get to see the fruition of 100 years of toil and struggle on the gridiron—a wall. Lovely. But the wall does have

some nice literature about coaches Howard Allen and Tommy Owen and a blurb about MBA football's 100 year history. On top of that blurb, chiseled in the stone, is the old school football picture. However nice these inscriptions make the wall look, we cannot forget how ostentatious this wall is, well, at least for everyone who does not play football and would like more money and attention focused on other areas of student endeavor on this campus.

"So here I go, I'm walking through the hole in the football wall."

"You feel anything? Any sensation of all the history and tradition of MBA football represents rushing through you?"

"Uh... no."

"Try again."

"Okay... still no."

By making the monument solely for football, we belittle other extra-curricular activities. I don't see any walls dedicated to soccer or debate, music, or even the *Bell Ringer*. I don't see anything at all dedicated to our hard-working maintenance staff, or to those people who every year have to replant the football field because the grass is not the right shade of green for our distinguished football players and all their history and tradition to play on.

One hundred years is a special amount of time, but we've studied history here for over 100 years, but you don't see any monuments

dedicated to that subject with pictures of Eugene Weber or the Red Herring, side by side with Napoleon.

At Registration, we all paid \$70 for some "Athletic Fee." And to which sport do you think most of that money went?

"Thank you," one of my friends said to me as I paid it, "for buying the football team some new pads."

You're welcome. Anytime.

And thank you MBA for again confusing your student body. If we as students are supposed to be involved in a diverse group of extra-curricular activities, then putting up the football wall sends mixed messages.

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Desperately Seeking the Real News

By Hanish Dayal

With Bill Clinton's recent woes, many, both Republicans and the general public alike, have questioned the president's ability to lead the country into the 21st century. Aside from what you might believe on a personal level, Bill Clinton is still president, and as such, has a certain amount of respect that should be accorded to him. As a general citizen, I have heard more than I should have with this Lewinsky waste of time. For instance, I learned that sexual relations can mean a number of things in a legal setting—things better left unsaid. Furthermore, I have learned a thing or two about personal privacy and the subsequent infringement of it in today's society. The sad fact is that American politics has become a big joke, like Italian politics, which has had 56 different governments since WWII. As storms rage on the sea of tranquility for Clinton, the rest of the world has its own problems with which they must contend. For example, the Russian economy is on the verge of complete meltdown, as a worsening economy takes out its wrath on the struggling Russian democracy. Billions of IMF loans and foreign aid have done little to help.

The point I'm trying to make is that few Americans know the severity of the crisis in Russia, which promises to have adverse affects for its neighbors in Asia.

Why do Americans know so little about such a serious problem? Simple. The liberal minded news media have infatuated themselves with Clinton's personal life instead of reporting real, legitimate news.

The shortsightedness of the media surely doesn't end with Russia. It carries over to other areas of world politics and news. Few people know anything about the overall terrorist threat that America is right in the middle of. With the recent bombings of Sudanese and Afghan terrorist camps, only now has the general public gotten a small glimpse of the major terrorist threat that exists on a global basis. I remember hearing about the bombings several weeks ago, but now I have heard little about the subsequent events in the region. What happened to this big terrorist threat? Of course, it hasn't subsided, but the liberal media in favor of Bill Clinton's sexual alter ego has diverted the public attention. Real news goes unreported, while 90% of people try to estimate Clinton's underwear size. The point is that Americans need to end their stupid and silly day by day obsession with this Lewinsky melodrama and worry about real issues. There are serious problems that need serious attention, and unfortunately in today's media, those problems are being denigrated in favor of mindless gossip and trivial speculation.



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Matt's Column



Leaders and Followers

By Matt Davis

MBA is full of followers. Now, now, I know what you're thinking. It can't possibly be true. I mean, how many students do you know wear wallet chains and clothing of only one specific brand for the sole reason of fitting in with his peers? Oh, sure, we have people who wear that kind of stuff here, but I'm positive that it's simply to express their own individuality. Yes, nothing can express someone's true personality than store-bought material possessions. That's why it's so hard to tell the leaders and the followers apart—who's the real article, and who's the phony?

The first person to do something different from the norm must be a leader. Say, for example, an MBA student decides to grow his fingernails out really long, and sharpen them to become two-inch long instruments for cutting little shapes in his notebook paper during Physics class. This ambitious boy displayed his initiative, and is obviously a leader. Any other students who do the same must be given the status of a follower. Let this be a warning. Think of new ideas to express your individuality quickly, before somebody else thinks of them.

One can rise above the heinous label of "follower," fortunately. Simply modify a trend somebody else has started, and this new branch is instantly your own. You have become a leader! Not as much of a leader as the original creator of the concept, but at least you will no longer be a follower. Modifying other people's ideas is an efficient and easy way to express your individuality. And as we all know, the people with the most individuality are the best leaders. But if you want to express yourself as much as possible, I'm afraid you must

go forth with the task of creating new fads by yourself.

Now, some people aren't well suited for leadership and prefer being followers since they cannot handle all of the great responsibility. There is nothing wrong with such followers, since they are followers by choice. However, since they are followers by choice, they are actually leaders, which destroys the reason they are leaders in the first place, so they again become followers, and it all goes around in an endless cycle which the person cannot escape. I call these people "SACKS" (Souls Achieving Cyclic Karma). They are lost forever and are doomed to failure in this world. But it's okay to be one. If you would like to be a SACK, all you have to do is follow an already established eccentric trend. Since you will be doing this willingly, you are actually not a follower, and can enjoy a new life of SACKdom. But beware, for there is no way SACKs can lose their status. Once a SACK, always a SACK.

Whatever you aspire to become, do it right. Don't be one of those guys who thinks he can express himself just by "being." That's really secret code for being lazy and doing nothing. Those people are trying to cheat their way into leadership status. Ignore them, and don't invite them to parties. In fact, make sure that they always sit alone during lunch. That will teach them a valuable lesson they will cherish for the rest of their lives. All in all, I believe that this system of leaders and followers accurately gives people the standing they deserve. Anyway, I wish you all luck in your journey through high school, and hope my advice is taken seriously and followed as gospel.

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Since August 10th, actors from MBA and Harpeth Hall have been working long days on campus in preparation for their first collaborative theatrical event: **Guys and Dolls**, with music and lyrics by Frank Loesser and book by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows. This hilarious and stylish show (called "the perfect musical comedy" by some critics) will open October 1st and run through October 4th in the Paschall Theater.

Those readers who are familiar with the play may know it best from the 1964 movie starring Marlon Brando and Frank Sinatra (since Sinatra's death in May, this movie has frequently appeared on cable.) The movie still proves entertaining even though Brando can't really sing, and Sinatra misses most of the humor of his character. Perhaps the movie succeeds because it otherwise

sticks very close to the play, and the story and music are just so fun.

The play introduces the audience to a colorful array of gamblers, showgirls, and Salvation Army officers in New York in the late '40's. The characters are based on those found in Damon Runyon's short stories. Everyone is trying to raise money one way or another, and most of them are involved in some kind of scam. Sky Masterson (Brando) is a slick gambler who believes "all dolls are the same" and advocates having them around only because "they come in handy like cough drops." When he claims that there's always "a large assortment" of women available and then brags that he could get a date with *any* of them, his buddy Nathan (Sinatra) decides to take Sky's chauvinism

to the bank. Nathan bets Sky that he cannot get a date with Salvation Army Sargent Sarah Brown, so the chase is on! Meanwhile, Nathan has his own challenges: he cannot find a location for his "oldest established, permanent, floating crap game in New York" and he has been engaged for fourteen years to the same woman, the incomparable Miss Adelaide. He loves gambling and his fiancée, but his efforts to stay out of jail push him toward the altar he has tried even harder to avoid.

Much of the humor of this musical is based on the stereotypes that one sex has of its opposite. Of course, such misguided stereotypes run rampant in our culture and high school campuses are certainly no exception. Runyon's broadly drawn characters and the fixes they find themselves in create a fun-house mirror for our own misconceptions and amorous mistakes. Love is, after all, always a crapshoot.

The original Broadway production opened on November 24, 1950, and ran for 1,200 performances (one of the longest-running hits in history, especially at that time). When it was revived on Broadway in 1992 (over forty

years later!), it again became the hottest ticket of the season.

Our current collaborative production has a total cast of 52 students from MBA and Harpeth Hall and stars seniors Miles Warfield and Cooper Samuels as Sky Masterson and Nathan Detroit with Kristina Hoge as Sarah Brown and Ellen Bucy as Miss Adelaide. It also features Newton Pate and Dr. John Griffith as Nathan's sidekicks, Nicely-Nicely Johnson and Benny Southstreet.

The artistic and technical staff have conceived of this production as stylish and seamless. They all want a show that both looks and sounds great. They also want to put back the humor that was lost in the movie, so the emphasis is on the comedy!

The show runs Thursday, October 1 at 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for students and \$5 for adults. Don't miss this hugely entertaining classic of American musical theater.

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100 Years of Football

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Exchange Bowl Game was lost against Kingsport, 21-7. Nevertheless, MBA's superior coaching and skill of the players was clearly evident even over 40 years ago. The 60's and 70's showed more of the same - the football team was always one



Jonas Rodriguez leaves defenders bowing at his feet.

of the most important organizations. As a 1974 yearbook states, "The Big Red... contin-

ued in the M.B.A. tradition of excellence."

MBA had its downs as well, however. For instance, we finished the 1982 season with a 2-8 record. Yet, even though we may not have had the best standings, our players have always upheld the school's outstanding expectations in their efforts. But Tom Owen still had it in him to lead us to a few grand victories before he left in 1992, and sadly passed away just one year later.

The 1998 MBA football team started off strongly this

season by handily defeating Clinton High School 34-0, and defeating the defending two-time state champion Pearl Cohn Firebirds 27-14. Although the Big Red led by only a field goal at the half of the Clinton game, the offense started clicking after the intermission. Five different Big Red players scored touchdowns including Jay Davis, who reeled in a forty-eight yard pass from senior quarterback John Thompson. Highlights from the Pearl Cohn game included three touchdowns by Jonas Rodriguez as well as a three-yard touchdown pass from John Thompson to junior wide receiver Barton Simmons.

The Big Red was not as fortunate in its third game of the season as it fell in a close game to rival Memphis University School 17-13. MBA failed to convert on several scoring opportunities, and MUS scored the winning touchdown with less than two minutes to play in the game.

MBA's quest for the state championship continues with games at Knoxville Halls on September 11 and Brentwood Academy on September 18 before coming home to play Henry County on the 25th.

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Treatise On Winnie-the-Pooh



By Jonathan Tam

The Pooh phenomenon is in full effect. The silly old bear has spread across the word and infiltrated every form of merchandising possible. I myself must admit to being immersed in the complete Pooh experience by having everything from Winnie the Pooh books to underwear. This honey-loving-rumbly-tumbly-bear carries goods from snippets of wisdom as in the *Tao of Pooh* and to great

bunch of really corrupt and evil relatives. The reason we never hear about his family is because they live on the bad side of the Hundred Acre Woods. They have to survive by selling

drugs to the Heffalumps and Woozles. Maybe there's a diabetic Pooh that can't have any of the honey.

After some research, I have cleared up a few of my questions. This silly old bear was not born Winnie-the-Pooh. He was born Edward Bear. It was his friend Christopher Robin that thought he should change his name. Christopher Robin once had a swan named

Pooh and knew a special bear at the zoo named Winnie. While this answers many of the previously mentioned questions it leaves me with one rather large one: Does Christopher Robin have anything better to do?



epic movies as in *Pooh's Grand Adventure*. Quite simply put, Winnie-the-Pooh is a superstar.

I don't have a problem with Pooh, but I don't really know what he is. What is the attraction to Pooh? He is a mystery to me. I used to always ask myself: While I know that he is a bear, what in the world is a Pooh? His name, Winnie the Pooh, takes the form of Jabba the Hutt. I know that there are other Huts; so are there other Poohs. Does he have a family of hug-able, super-dopey, bundle-a-fluff family members. It's not unheard of, because I know that Owl has lots of family. Owl talks about his family none stop. Why can't Pooh have a family? Is Pooh a family name? Should I be calling him Winnie instead of Pooh? I think it's one big cover up. He probably has a

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Andrews' Review on Dollywood

by Andy Andrews

Is it possible for honest celebrity worship to be a part of pop culture? If you're Dolly Parton, the answer has to be YES! Dollywood, located in Pigeon Forge, the capitol of all tourist traps, manages to awe its visitors with the Smokey Mountains, Appellation crafts, and Dolly Parton, the woman, the career, the surgery.

If you are not a Dolly fan, don't worry. You will buy Dolly shot glasses, Dolly T-shirts, Dolly mini tea sets, Dolly videos, Dolly boxers, Dolly mugs, Dolly Books, and Dolly CDs anyway, just for the hell of it. You will also certainly attend "Paradise Road", the music adventure of Dolly's life

from rags to riches. Included in this marvelous show is a Q&A video with the woman herself; an excerpt follows:

Q. "Dolly, why are your waist and feet so small?"

A. "'Cause everyone knows that things don't grow in the shade!"

Q. "Dolly, how long does it take to do your hair?"

A. "I don't know; I'm never there."

Q. "Dolly, have you ever wanted to sue the tabloids?"

A. "All the time, when they print rumors about me in the middle of the paper instead of the front page!"

Clearly, Dolly is no ordinary celeb, and Dollywood is no

ordinary theme park. The park even has a few good rides, such as the Mountain Slickwinder and the train, which is pulled by a live steam locomotive, rather than the diesel-in-disguise that was preferred by the folks at Opryland.

I would encourage everyone to engage in a weekly homage of Dolly and her park. You can do this by downloading pictures of her from the internet in the Computer Lab (not recommended), hypsynching Kenny Rogers' part of "Islands In the Stream", or visiting Dollywood itself. I personally do none of the above, preferring to pay my respects in no way at all, but that shouldn't stop you!